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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I ask whether this vaidyasala was inspected by the Surgeon-General or the District Sanitary Officer of Malabar, whether they have stated that curing is done on scientific methods or only by manthrams and whether the institution is curing bites of poisonous or non-poisonous snakes or Government snakes ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am yet to learn that Government have any snakes except in the Peoples Park. Neither the Surgeon-General nor the Medical Officer has sent us a report."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Are the Government going to contribute any sums to the institution if the curing is unscientific ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government have not made any contribution as yet."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Is the hon. Minister aware that there is an institution at Parel in Bombay where they extract poison and prepare an antidote to snake bites ? May I ask whether the Government are going to open a similar institution in Malabar ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I am thankful to the hon. Member for the information he gave regarding that institution in Bombay."

Accommodation for students from the Vizagapatam Medical School.

* 704 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Vizagapatam Medical School has been closed ; if so, when and for what reasons ;

(*b*) whether the students from that school have come to the Rayapuram Medical School ;

(*c*) whether the Rayapuram Medical School has accommodation for all of them ;

(*d*) how many such students have been admitted in the Rayapuram Medical School ; and

(*e*) whether there is room in the Rayapuram Medical School for more students and, if so, for how many ?

A.—(*a*) The Vizagapatam Medical School was closed in July 1927. The closure was necessitated by the establishment of the Medical College at Vizagapatam as the clinical material available in the Headquarter hospital was not sufficient for the proper instruction of the students of both the college and the school

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) One hundred and forty-eight.

(*e*) No.

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I enquire what the strength was of the Medical School at Vizagapatam when it was closed ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" My recollection is that it was 148. "

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" Were all the students admitted into the Rayapuram School or were any of them turned out for want of accommodation ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" All of them who sought admission have been accommodated. "

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I enquire whether there is any other school in the Telugu country ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The idea was to open a school at Guntur ; it is under contemplation. "

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" Is it going to materialize ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I cannot promise it now. "

Progress of the reconstruction of the Cocanada hospital.

*705 Q.—Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) in what stage the project for the reconstruction of the headquarters hospital at Cocanada, estimates for which were sanctioned in 1921, stands at present ;

(b) whether the site adjoining the Lady Havelock Hospital has been acquired ; if not, in what stage the acquisition proceedings stand at present ; and

(c) whether Government propose to expedite all necessary preliminaries so that the work may be taken on hand early ?

A.—(a), (b) & (c) Proposals for the acquisition of land and for the construction of new buildings near the Lady Havelock Hospital have been received from the Surgeon-General and are under consideration in connexion with the budget estimate for 1929–30.

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" May I ask whether the estimates for this hospital were sent so long ago as 1921 ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" They were sent so long ago as 1921 but there was some controversy about the matter ; the estimates were sent again in 1926."

Mr. C. RAMASOMAYAJULU :—" Has any provision been made in the budget for the next year for this hospital ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" It is under contemplation ; the matter has been sent to the Finance Department. "

Public Health

Supply of Sunlight soap to the cholera staff by municipalities.

*706 Q.—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) why the Government thought it fit to impose upon the municipalities the duty of supplying Sunlight soap to the cholera staff during times of epidemics ;

(b) whether they considered the claims of their own Washwell soap before they imposed such a condition ; and

(c) whether they could not find one Indian soap worthy of encouragement ?